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In the elaborate checkout of Oswald's trip to Mexico, the FBI interviewed one William George Gaudet (CD75: 588,652. SA John William Miller (N.O.) concludes the second of the two paragraphs of the 11/27/63 report of his interview of that date with this elliptical sentence:

> GAUDET also indicated that he has in the past been an employee of the CIA.

I have long wondered why Gaudet would have volunteered this in an investigation of Oswald and why the FBI would not have omitted it.

In an excerpt from Ulrich International Periodical Directory just sent me there is perhaps the answer. This is from the latest issue, presumeably, but I do not know.

Under Latin American Report is a listing for the magazine, established 1956, and Newsletter, est. 1946. The editor and publisher is given as W.G.Gaudet, the address International Trade Mart, New Orleans, Box 2567.

In some cities Latin American Report shares offices with the Citizens' Committee for a Free Cuba. Gradually I am accumulating some data on both, indicative of CIA involvement and of extremist Cuban interest or participation in.

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WILLIAM GEORGE GAUDET, Waveland, Mississippi, P.O. Box 369 advised that to the best of his recollection in the early afternoon of September 17, 1963 he picked up his travel permit from the Mexican Counsellor's Office at the Whitney Bank Building in New Orleans. He stated that at the time he entered the Mexican Counsellor's Office, there were six or seven persons waiting to pick up permits and to the best of his recollection, LEE HARVEY OSWALD was not one of them. GAUDET further stated that he left New Orleans, September 19, 1963 via Pan American Airlines at 12:00 noon. He stated that he could not recall the flight number, but is positive that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was not one of the flight passengers in the First Class Section. He further stated that he did not observe OSWALD in the Tourist Section, although he may have been there. He stated this Pan American flight landed in Merida, Mexico and then continued on to other Central and South American countries. GAUDET stated that he did not actually enter Mexico as he was continuing on to the South and Central American countries. GAUDET further stated that he could not recall the exact date he returned, but that it was approximately three or four weeks later. He stated OSWALD was not a passenger on the return flight to the United States.

GAUDET stated in his opinion that if OSWALD was a Marxist, that he would not have gone to Merida in Mexico as this is, in his opinion, a strictly anti-communist area. GAUDET also indicated that he has in the past been an employee of CIA.

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SA JOHN WILLIAM MILLER :lav Date dictated 11/27/63

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